Separate High Court for Tripura

4682. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a demand for setting up a separate High Court for Tripura;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to set up a separate High Court for Tripura in view of the demand and justification; and

(c) by when the High Court would be set up?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Chief Minister of Tripura sent a proposal for setting up a separate High Court for Tripura. Considering the workload, it was conveyed to the Chief Minister of Tripura that the existing permanent Bench of the High Court at Agartala was sufficient for the present.

Four-Laning of Jalandhar-Pathankot reach

4683. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state when Government proposes to take up the construction of four-laning of Jalandhar-Pathankot reach of North-South Corridors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): Out of 110 Kms (approx.) length of Jalandhar-Pathankot section of NH-1A, work of four laning of Km. 4.23 to Km. 26 is targeted to be awarded by December 2000. The four laning of remaining length would be taken up in phases on the basis of the recommendations of "Prioritization study" being conducted by NHAI.